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Nixon To Enter Hospital: Julie

NEW YORK (AP) — Julie Nixon Eisenhower said Tuesday that her father would probably enter a hospital within a week for tests in connection with the blood clots in his leg veins.

She said the treatment former President Richard M. Nixon was receiving at his home in San Clemente, Calif., had improved his phlebitis and that "he's just going to get something checked."

Mrs. Eisenhower denied reports Nixon's mind was wandering or that he was inordinately depressed about having to resign his office last month.

"I think he's doing very well under the circumstances," she said.

Asked about President Ford's pardon of her father on Sept. 8, she replied, "I think he made the wise decision — the right decision." She declined to say whether acceptance of the pardon implied her father's guilt in Watergae matters, however.

Mrs. Eisenhower commented after taping for broadcast two weeks hence five segments of the NBC-TV produced show, Barbara Walters' "Not for Women Only."

She quoted her mother as saying that Nixon was "irritable" because of his illness and added that she talked to her parents daily.

"Of course he's not on top of the world," she said on the show's set. Referring to the "strain" of the nation's highest office, she said her father felt he had done all he could for the country.

"The letdown when you leave is tremendous," Mrs. Eisenhower observed, saying her parents wanted very much to maintain their privacy.

"My parents aren't even reading the paper," she said.

She added that her mother was "handling it very well" and told newsmen, "She doesn't want to talk to you ... she wants to be a private person now."

On another matter, she termed "crazy" reports that she had talked to Gen. Alexander Haig, outgoing White House chief of staff, about her father's health before the President's pardon.

"Of course it's not true," Mrs. Eisenhower maintained.

Saying that she was now "leading my own life," Mrs. Eisenhower said she would visit San Clemente on Thursday for the first time since her father's resignation.